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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 10, 2003 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

**FEE CALCULATION**

No additional fee is required for claims.

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**CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST**

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate petition is enclosed, the Director of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding office action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to Deposit Account No. 15-0700.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.